

**AMENDMENT****IN THE CLAIMS:**

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19-26. (CANCELLED)

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for forming an elastomeric seal for use with an air induction assembly comprising the steps of:

melting a thermal mastic elastomeric material to a liquid form;

positioning a mold around an interior surface and an exterior surface of ~~said a neck of a~~  
lower shell;

dispensing said liquid form into said mold to create said elastomeric seal;

removing said elastomeric seal from said mold with said neck attached; and

inserting a mass air flow sensor into said neck of said lower shell, said elastomeric seal securing said mass air flow sensor in said neck.

28. (ORIGINAL) The method as recited in claim 27 further comprising the step of blending a gas into said liquid form to form a foamed composition.

29. (ORIGINAL) The method as recited in claim 28 wherein said gas is nitrogen.

30. (CANCELLED)

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for forming an elastomeric seal for use with an air induction assembly comprising the steps of:

melting a thermal mastic elastomeric material to a liquid form;

inserting a mass air flow sensor having an outer diameter into ~~said a neck of said a~~ lower shell having an inner diameter, said inner diameter being greater than said outer diameter; and

dispensing said liquid form through an aperture in said neck and between said neck and said mass air flow sensor to create said elastomeric seal, said elastomeric seal securing said mass air flow sensor to said neck.

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32. (ORIGINAL) The method as recited in claim 31 further comprising the step of blending a gas into said liquid form to form a foamed composition.

33. (ORIGINAL) The method as recited in claim 32 wherein said gas is nitrogen.

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